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REMARKS

Claims 1-27 are pending in the present case. In the Office Action of September 20, 2006, the Examiner allowed claims 1-14, 25 and 27. Applicants sincerely appreciate the indication of allowance.

Claim 15 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, for the use of the term "solvates". Applicants would like to stress that there is sufficient description of solvates in the present application; however, in the interest of moving the prosecution along to allowance of the claims, the term "solvates" is now deleted from claim 15.

Claims 16-24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, under enablement considerations. Specifically, the inhibition of kinases and treating cancer were objected to. The present invention teaches the preparation of several novel imidazopyrazines as well as how to use them for inhibiting cyclin dependent kinases. Page 31, line 5- page 33, line 3 describes an assay to measure IC₅₀ of the compounds for the inhibition of CDK2. This is a standard assay used by persons with ordinary skill in the art to measure the inhibition of CDK2. Thus, Applicants believe that there is substantial enablement for the inhibition of CDK2 by the present compounds. Claim 16 has, therefore, been amended to reflect the inhibition of CDK2 by the present compounds. Claims 17-24 are now cancelled without prejudice. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejection in view of the present amendment and allowance of the claims.

A typo (period instead of a semicolon) in claim 2 is now corrected.


Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application on any cancelled claims and scope.

There being no other rejection pending, Applicants believe that the claims are in allowable condition. Such an action is earnestly requested. If the Examiner has any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

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